

## Robert J. & Alice M. Swidecki

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Robert J. & Alice M. Swidecki PO Box 1337 Tenino, WA. 98589 August 17, 2022

**From:** [Zenk, Jeff \(ECY\)](#)  
**To:** [Morris, Chelsea \(ECY\)](#)  
**Subject:** FW: CAFO rules?  
**Date:** Friday, September 9, 2022 8:27:01 AM

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Chelsea,

Somehow I missed this email while gone on vacation. I'm forwarding on to you for what it's worth.

Jeff

**From:** Alice Swidecki <theswideckifamily76@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 17, 2022 5:04 PM  
**To:** Zenk, Jeff (ECY) <jzen461@ECY.WA.GOV>  
**Subject:** CAFO rules?

Washington Department of Ecology  
PO Box 47696,  
Olympia WA 98504-7696

Dear Jeff,

I am not sure if I am supposed to send this concern to you or a person named Chelsea Morris, but I could not find her Email address posted, so I am hoping that you can pass our concern along to the correct person or people.

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